

FAIRPORT
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1867 1967
CENTENNIAL



FOREWORD

This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Fairport into the State of New York. It is a time for celebration as well as a time for serious reflection.

We now have an opportunity to view our town as it appeared in different periods of its hundred-year history. And by doing so, we can come to appreciate our prosperity and applaud our progress as a growing community.

Fairport is a village with a heritage and a legacy...a heritage to be explored and cherished by all...a legacy to be seen.

On the occasion of this centennial year, let us take the time to involve ourselves with the living past and draw closer to that heritage, for through the consideration of our past we can appreciate the present and prepare for what lies ahead.

— JAMES GUTTENBERG

*Class of 1968
Minerva Deland High School*



May 8, 1967

Dear Friends,

In our centennial year we are given a challenge to continue to move forward, as we have in the past, and to make every effort to better our community; and whenever possible to surpass accomplishments already recorded in order that we may keep pace with the changing times of our area and nation as a whole.

This year of celebration has been made possible by the support of a progressive Village government and the whole-hearted effort of our Centennial Chairmen Irving Van Slyke and Gerald Williams. They have spent untold hours in the preparation of our program. They have been ably assisted by the members of our many fine civic minded organizations in the Village of Fairport and Town of Perinton, as well as many public spirited private citizens.

By the interest displayed, it becomes evident that we have an undying Community spirit which will continue to make Fairport a better place in which to live and work.

Yours for a better Fairport,

Gordon T. Murphy
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That earth's great treasure
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And that service to humanity
is the best work of life.

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The advertisers included in this commemorative book
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MRS. HELEN BUTLER — Town Historian — who has spent
a great deal of her time supplying us with many lists of
historical facts, early photographs and a capsule history of
Fairport.

MR. CLAYTON BRIDGES and MR. DAVID BULIN — Perinton
Historical Society — for allowing us to select interesting
photographs from their files.

MRS. GEORGE A. DEAN — Perinton Historical Society —
who has written a brief narrative history of the early years
in Fairport.

MR. JAMES GUTTENBERG — Class of 1968, Minerva De-
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<i>Location</i>	<i>Date, Day & Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
Minerva-Deland Bus Circle	SATURDAY — July 1, 1967 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Monroe County Park Band
Minerva-Deland Circle	1:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	OPENING CEREMONIES (Convocation, Introduction of Village Officials & Centennial Exec. Comm.)
Minerva-Deland Circle Centennial H.Q.	3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Queen Judging Historical Exhibits
Island Valley Golf Club	EVENING 9:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M.	Centennial Ball
Centennial H.Q. Perinton Park Canal Perinton Park Perinton Park	SUNDAY – July 2, 1967 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Historical Exhibits Pig Roast Water Show Pony Rides Clown Band
Centennial H.Q. Potter Park Potter Park Whitney Rd. (Waterstraw) Fair Location	MONDAY – July 3, 1967 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Historical Exhibits Antique Car Show Children's Games Load Pulling Contests (Teams & Tractors)
Brooks Hill Whitney Rd. (Waterstraw) Fair Location	EVENING 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. 6:00 P.M. – 12 M.	Old Fashioned Band Concert – Park Band Centennial Fair – V.F.W.

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Potter Park & Fair

TUESDAY – July 4, 1967

12:15 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. –
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Steam Engine Exhibition
Historical Exhibits
Special Memorial Ceremonies
Fourth of July Parade
Chicken Bar-B-Q

Whitney Rd. (Waterstraw)
V.F.W. Grounds

EVENING

3:00 P.M. – 12:00 M.
11:00 P.M. – 12:00 M.

Centennial Fair – V.F.W.
V.F.W. Fireworks

Centennial H.Q.
Main St. & West Ave.

WEDNESDAY – July 5, 1967

10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Historical Exhibits
Retail Merchants Day – Sidewalk Sale

Village Parking Lot –
Adjacent Stores
Whitney Rd. (Waterstraw)

EVENING

7:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M. – 12 M.

Junk Auction (Retail Merchants & Residents)

Centennial Fair – V.F.W.

School Minerva Deland H.S.
Island Valley G. C.
Centennial H.Q.

THURSDAY – July 6, 1967

10:00 A.M.
1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

LADIES DAY

Cooking Demonstration
Water Ballet, Fashion Show, Luncheon
Historical Exhibits

Minerva-Deland Auditorium

EVENING

8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M. – 12:00 M.

Judging of Swingers Gowns
Judging of Bearded Brothers
Barber Shop Quartet Competition
Centennial Fair – V.F.W.

Whitney Rd. (Waterstraw)

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Whitney Rd. (Waterstraw)

Canal – (Dudley Docking)

FRIDAY – July 7, 1967

11:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 N.
10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

EVENING

8:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. – 12:00 M.
9:00 P.M. – 12:00 M.

SATURDAY – July 8, 1967

10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
12:00 N. – 6:00 P.M.
12:00 N. – Dark
10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
3:00 P.M. – Dark
10:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

EVENING

8:30 P.M.

4:00 P.M. – 12 M.

SUNDAY – July 9, 1967

A.M.

P.M.

10:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Pony Rides
Little League Baseball Game
Historical Exhibits
Kiddie Games and Contests

Kiddie Parade to include small floats, Boy & Girl Scouts, Recreation Council and all youth organizations
Centennial Fair – V.F.W.
Youth Dance

Historical Exhibits
Pony Rides
Perinton Art Show
Tour of Homes (Start at Potter Memorial)
Beef Bar-B-Q
Erie Canal Sesquicentennial Barge Exhibit

Round & Square Dance Competition to include local round & square dance clubs.
Centennial Fair – V.F.W.

Individual Churches to integrate Centennial Theme into morning services; old-time outdoor service – early days attire, etc.
Massed Choir – Brooks Hill
Final Convocation
Erie Canal Sesquicentennial Barge Exhibit

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Gen. Maximilian sentenced to
be shot by Juarez Party

ALL IRELAND AROUSED FENIANS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE NEWS

Pres. Andrew Johnson visits home State of Tenn.
V. Pres. Lafayette S. Foster goes home to Conn.

Gov. Robert E. Fenton and Lt. Gov. Stewart L. Woodford
confer with city officials



When Fairport was incorporated 10 streets were counted. Some lanes did not qualify as a street.

An Indian trail to Thomas creek was made into a trail to Perrins cabin on Ayrault Road. A trail was cut through from Penfield to Peter Ripley's mill on Thomas creek, so our Main Street came into being as the first street.

Rochester St. to become West Church Street was the second followed by Parker, Pleasant, High, Cherry (now West Ave.) North St. (now Roselawn), John St. (now State Street). Sanford St. was named for the Sanford families living on it and was eventually changed to East Avenue.

Cemetery Rd. was changed to Orchard St. Warehouse Lane in back of the Chadwick block disappeared as did Chadwick St.

When the beautiful private park of the DeLand family was cut up into building lots, it seemed correct to name the streets DeLand Park A & B and Park St.

Parce Ave. took its name from the Parce family who had a beautiful home on the corner.

Filkins St. and George St. took their name from the developer George Filkins.

Woodlawn Ave. or Woodland was named for its developer Martin Wood and Nelson St. was laid out by Nelson Lewis.

Perrin St. took the name of the nephew of the first settler Grover Perrin.

Hulbert Ave. was named for the Hulbert family who bought the beautiful home on the hill. It first led from the home to the tow path to Fullamtown.

FAIRPORT

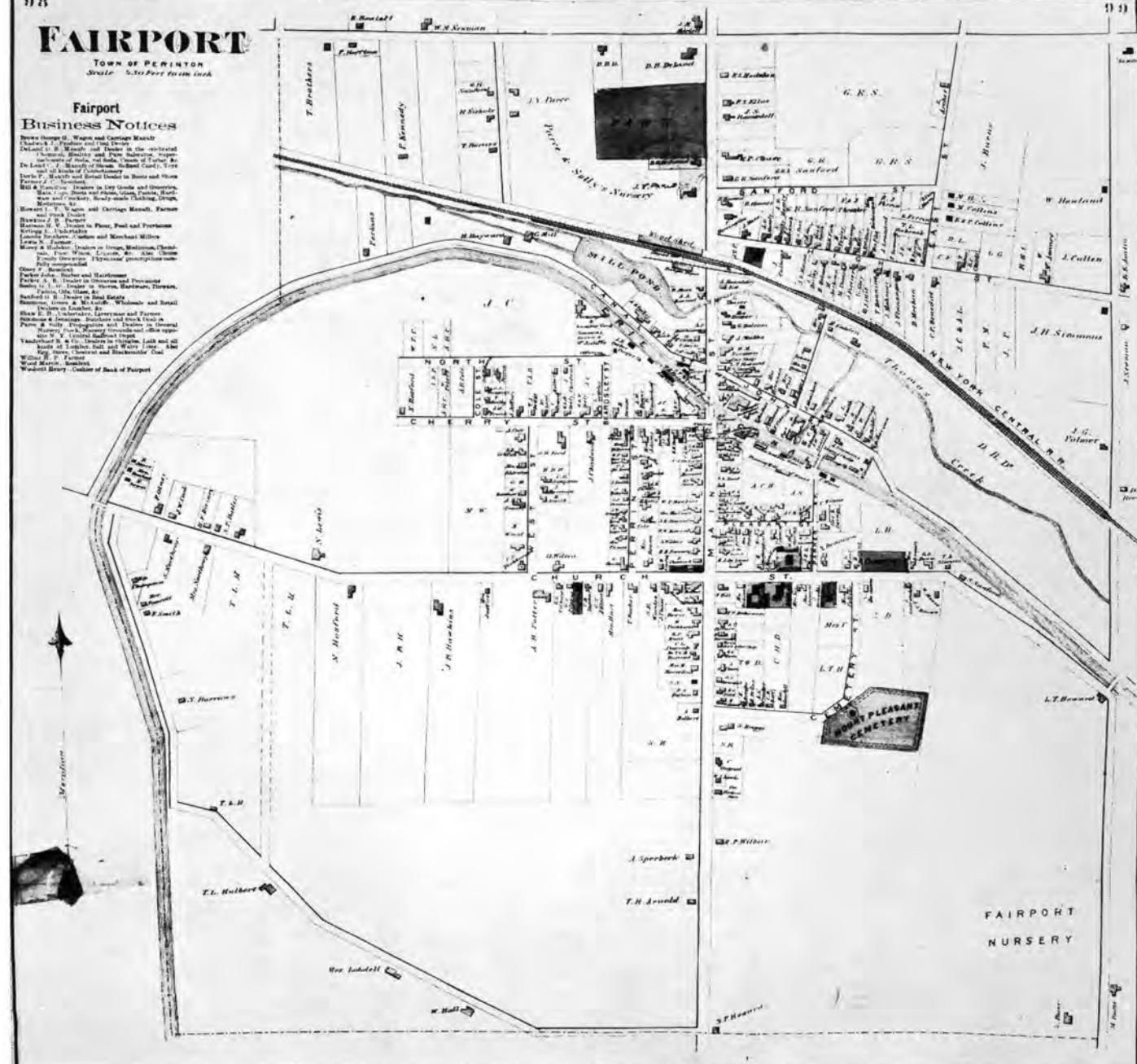
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The Department is under the supervision of a Joint Recreation Commission, which is the policy making body. Five Commissioners are appointed by the Village Board and five by the Town Board. The Chairman, of the Joint Commission, is elected by the group and serves a one year term.

The near \$100,000 program is managed by Howard A. Oaks, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks. Programs cover all seasons of the year and are planned for pre-school children thru Senior Citizens activities inclusive.

Programs include eight playgrounds, club activities, community center programs, a youth employment service, a teen center, a Hikers and Camping Club, Garden Clubs, Senior Citizens Activities, Duplicate Bridge Club and many others. The Department also manages 3 buildings, 2 established parks and many play areas.

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HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Fairport was incorporated as a village in 1867. However, its first settler, Peter Ripley, built a cabin about 1810. By the time the canal was dug through Fairport, then called Perinsville or Perrinsville, in 1822, there were seven log houses, one block house, and one frame house within the village. The "Myron Holley" was the first packet boat here in 1822.

When the canal boats began to bring passengers and to carry freight, Fairport began to grow. At Fullam's Basin," there was soon a tavern with a post office in it, a warehouse, a blacksmith shop, and a home or two. On the north bank of the canal, not far from the spot where Charlie's Marina now operates, Mallet's Tavern was built in 1827. Near it was a stable where mules and horses could be changed to continue hauling freight boats and passenger packet boats.

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South Main Street, Fairport, N. Y. looking north from about the corner of Pleasant Street.



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The Old and The New

It was October 27, 1825 when the first boats went through Fairport from Lake Erie, reaching New York November 4th. Many times passengers going the other way would get off at Fullam's Basin. There they would take the stagecoach over the Rochesterville Road for a quicker trip to the larger village of Rochester.

Large amounts of farm produce were shipped by canal for thirty years from Fairport wharves. Warehouses along the canal banks were filled with grain, apples, and especially potatoes. At one time Perinton, the township of which Fairport is a part, probably produced more potatoes than any other U.S. town. It was not until 1853 that the railroad arrived to start taking some of the shipping away from the canal.

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The old Fullam's Basin Tavern which stood at the N.E. corner of the canal and at the end of the present West Church Street may be seen today. It is now #10 East Church Street, where it was moved in 1853.

The present Green Lantern Inn at the "four corners" of Main and Church Streets, is the former home of one of Fairport's leading citizens, H. A. DeLand, associated with the DeLand Chemical Works.

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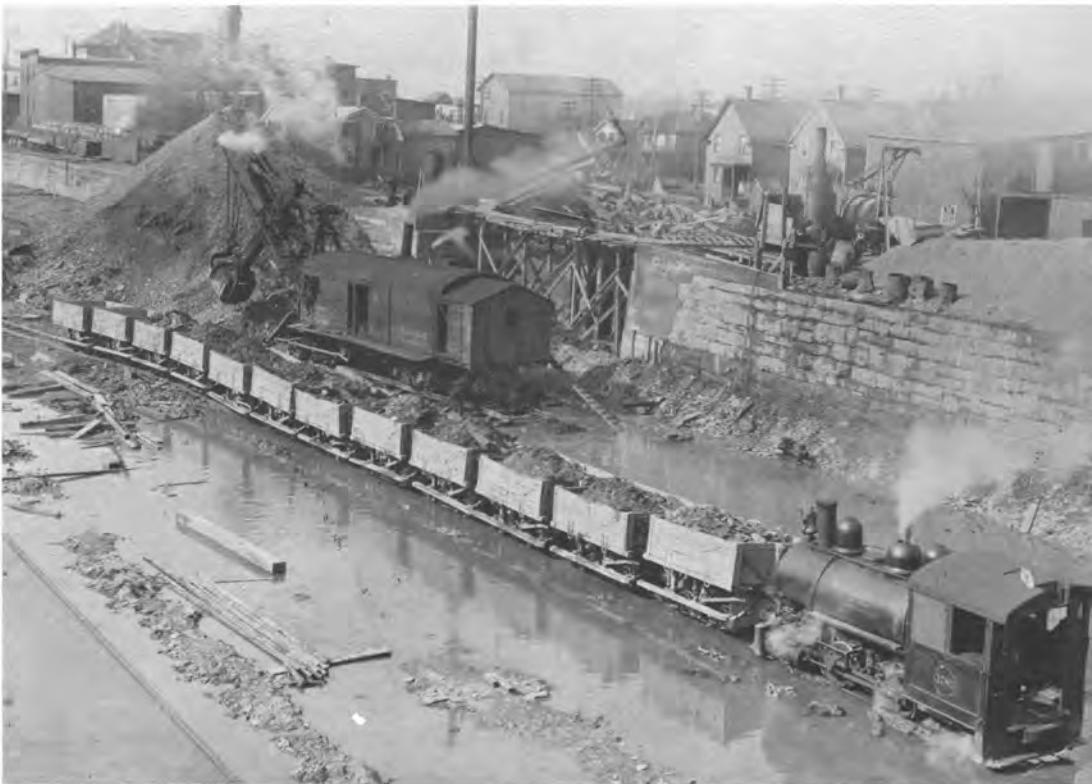
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Construction of the new waste weir between Main and Parker Sts. during building of Barge Canal.

After the saw and grist mills came an unusual industry, but one which did not last long. A mulberry grove was started at the "four corners" for raising silk worms, with a silk factory next door.

A noted industry, the D. B. DeLand Chemical Works was founded in 1852 by Daniel B. DeLand. They manufactured Soda and Saleratus which was distributed widely here and abroad. The factory stood on the north bank of the canal just east of the main road.

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Excavating south abutment on Main Street bridge looking east.



Looking west toward Main St. bridge during construction of Barge Canal in Fairport, N. Y.

The American Can Company, which may be seen along the canal banks today, had an interesting origin. For many years, Amos Cobb operated the A. H. Cobb Preserving Company, located along the canal, where the Crosman Arms Co. now stands. In the canning of fruits and vegetables, spoilage was a problem. So. Mr. Cobb and others developed a can that could be sealed without solder. They set up a can factory in 1901 in an old shoe factory, west of Main Street and north of the N. Y. Central R.R. tracks, near the canal. There in the Sanitary Can Company, they manufactured the new cans. The factory is now part of the American Can Company, Fairport's largest industry.

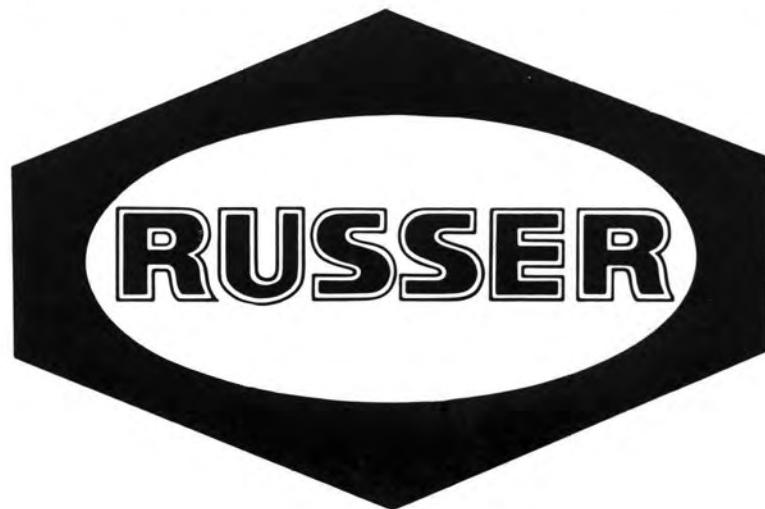
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"Emboldened by the pusillanimity of the friends of virtue, the enemy have become audacious, and scarcely covet the veil of darkness; but seem even to glory in their shame. And if no stand is made, we are undone. The church in this land will go into captivity, and the nation is undone. Our prosperity and voluptuousness will be our ruin; and short and rapid will be our journey from the cradle to the grave. But if resistance is made, then will the waves rise, and foam, and roar, and dash furiously upon those who shall dare to make a stand: and birds of ill omen will flap their sooty wings, and croak, and scream, to intimidate and dishearten the fearful and the unbelieving; and all the engines of bad influence will be applied to prevent that coalition of patriotism and of virtue, which would set bounds to the encroachments of evil.

"And now, *custom*, with silver tongue, will plead *prescription*! It always has been so, and always will be, and why should we attempt innovation?" And *interest*, too, will plead *necessity*! How can I withdraw my capital, or alter my course? To refuse to do wrong a little, would be to take away my children's bread." And now, *difficulty*, with good wishes and sorrowing face will plead. "Spare thy servant in this thing—it not a little one?" While *fear* will see the giants, the sons of Anak, and call out for care, and prudence, lest we should act prematurely, or be righteous overmuch. *Prudence*, too, will lift up her voice, with vexation at our presumptuous meddling, wondering that we cannot mind our own affairs, and let other people alone. And even *charity*, so-called, will draw aside her veil, for the archers with poisoned arrows to hit us. While *liberty*, provoked beyond endurance, will hurl upon our heads the hard names of "bigot, enthusiast, fanatic, hypocrite."

"All this, however, we could easily sustain, were there no treachery within. But our hearts are yet in too close consultation with flesh and blood. 'What will the world think? What will the world say? How will it affect my reputation—my interest—my ambition—or even my usefulness? Suppose I step in as a kind of candid mediator between the world and my too zealous brethren, taking the prudent course, and not carrying matters too far?' O, that prudent course!—that middle ground—so crowded, when the lines are drawing between Christ and the world! Satan desires no better troops than neutral Christians. And the Lord Jesus Christ abhors none more. He prefers infidelity to lukewarm Christianity. *I would that thou wert cold or hot; so then because thou art neither, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

"Two things are required of all who would be found on the side of liberty and evangelical morality. One is, that we will not do wrong in obedience to custom; the other is, that we will not be accessory to the wrong done by others—that we will give to the cause of virtue the testimony of correct opinion—the power of a correct example—and the influence of our inflexible patronage. There are piety and principle enough in the community to put down the usurpations of irreligion and crime, if the sound part of the community will only awake, and array itself on the side of purity and order. But we must come out, and be separate, and touch not the unclean thing. The entire capital in the hands of honest and moral men, which is employed in establishments that corrupt society, must be withdrawn; and that patronage which has swelled the revenue of establishments that lend their aid to the cause of licentiousness, must be turned over to the side of purity and order. Until this is done, we shall not cease to be partakers in other men's sins."—Dr. Beecher.

At a meeting of a few of the friends to the observance of the **FOURTH COMMANDMENT**, held at Rochester, January 21, 1828, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas the violation of the Sabbath on our Canal has become a most alarming evil in our State; and whereas we believe the good sense and sound principle of the Christian community is decidedly against such immorality; and believing that the evil *can be corrected*; therefore—

Resolved, That we are of one heart and one mind on this subject, and will use our best exertions to prevent the violation of the Lord's day on the Erie Canal.

Resolved, That we will give our business and patronage to such lines of boats as do not travel on the Holy Sabbath.

Resolved, That we invite all the friends of sound morality, in all the villages and towns in the State, to co-operate with us in this important object.

The undersigned concur in the above resolutions:

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Fourth of July on South Main Street, Fairport, N. Y. 1900.

Puritan ancestors
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popularity of packet
boats. In 1828 a
group in Rochester
drew up resolutions
to urge people not
to travel on the Erie
Canal on Sunday.



Although the Certo Co. was sold to General Foods and moved to Albion a number of years ago, it left its imprint on Fairport. First known as the "vinegar works," it became in 1911 "The Douglas Packing Company." Here was developed the process of making pectin, called "Certo" and "Sure-Jell," from apples. (The plant which is now occupied by the H. P. Neun Paper Box Co. is where the DeLand Chemical Works once stood, near the Main Street canal bridge.) It was largely through the gift of stock from Robert Douglas that the Fairport Public Library was built in 1937 on Perrin Street. Inside of the Fairport Public Library may be seen a fine mural by Carl Peters portraying the town's early history.

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Main Street looking south from the lift bridge over the Barge Canal showing the business district 1932.



Fairport has had a post office since 1822 (at Fullam's Basin). House delivery began in 1913, and the post office on South Main Street, $2\frac{1}{2}$ blocks from the lift-bridge, was built in 1938.

The Fairport Fire Department was organized in 1877 as the DeLand Fire Co. #1 of Fairport." Later the Hook and Ladder and Protective Companies were organized.

"Hurrah for the Water Works" appeared in "The Herald," in June 1893. The first house to pipe water from the curb to the house was that of Isaac Peters, 146 West Avenue, Fairport.

Fairport continued to have lights all during the recent eight-state blackout. The electric plant is municipally owned and managed by Fairport.

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South Main Street, Fairport, N. Y. with electric arch. Old Home Week,
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2. Lift bridge at Main Street. This bridge is the only one of its kind in America. It is built on a slant, and the main part of it raises like an elevator, so that canal boats may go through underneath.
3. Parker Street Bridge was a wooden bridge before 1887, when it was replaced by an iron one.
4. Turk Hill Bridge at the end of East Church Street, near the Crosman Arms Co.

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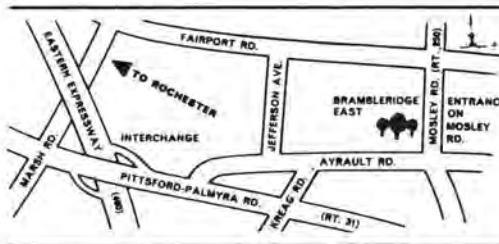
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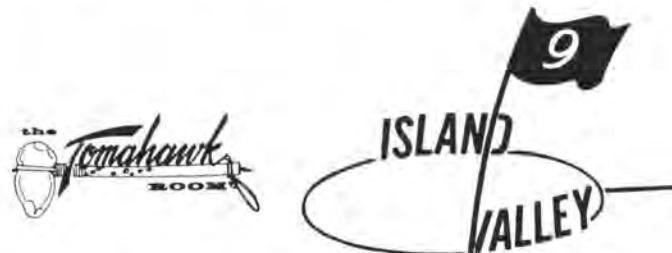
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Main Street Bridge over the Erie Canal, Fairport, N. Y. approaching from the north.

Naming of the Fairport Central Schools

Brooks Hill: Garry Brooks came to Fairport in 1867. He died after his 100th birthday (7-5-1906). His children were Lewis Brooks, Fanny Harris, and Emma Saleno.

Martha Brown: Martha Brown was a teacher for 37 years in Fairport, 10 years in other places. The West Avenue School was named for her. When the new school on Ayrault Rd. was dedicated the name was transferred because she had taught 8th grade. The West Avenue school is again called by its original name.

Minerva DeLand: Minerva DeLand was principal and teacher in Fairport High School 1900–1935. She was brought up in the DeLand home (now the Baptist home) and died in 1966.

Joanna Perrin: Joanna Perrin was the wife of the first settler in town. They never had children, but she loved to see the children of others. Her lonely life of not seeing another woman in 2 years made her insane for a short time.

Jefferson Avenue School: The street was originally called Basket Street. The name was later changed to Jefferson Avenue.

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Oxbow curves in Erie Canal, Perinton, N. Y. looking west.

Building the second dam for Fairport water supply, East Bloomfield, N. Y. 1932.



West Avenue, Fairport, N. Y. looking west from South Main Street.

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A company was formed and they drilled for oil on Ayrault Rd.

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In 1811 a small tornado hit Fairport destroying many trees.

In July 1816 the ground was frozen in Fairport and it snowed all day.

In 1820 about 20 people died here of swamp fever. (the canal helped drain the swamps)

Many of the original buildings here were moved easily to other locations. (best example is the Tavern from Fullamtown to 10 East Church St.)

A baby show was held here in 1819 and George Aldrich took the prize as being the most beautiful.

The Masons received their charter in 1859.

The Church bell tolled when any one died.

Fairport has seen its share of riots. The first was in 1870 when the laborers working on the canal rioted. In 1908 gangs from Rochester tried to burn the town down.

In 1920 armed gangsters from Rochester came to Fairport in taxis. They met with gun fire—one was killed and 16 sentenced to prison.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

The Town of Perinton congratulates the Village of Fairport on reaching its 100th anniversary.

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DeLand Chemical Works after the fire of February 4, 1893.

Historic Markers in Fairport

The DeLand Chemical Company was started in 1852. Its products sold all over the world. Among them was saleratus, commonly known today as baking soda.

Abner Wights House built 1794 was moved from across the road to 234 South Main Street.

Fullams Basin (Fullamtown settlement on canal and road to Rochester). Named for Elisha Fullam. A tavern was located here where passengers took a stage to Rochester. It was $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles by stage and 16 by canal. The Tavern was later moved to 10 East Church Street Fairport.

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Richardson Tavern at Heartwell (Bushnell Basin). It was a shipping port until 1850 (Marsh Road and Pittsford-Victor Road).

Site of Glover Perrin home (723 Ayrault/Wapping) Rd. His brother Jesse cleared the land west of the house for a cemetery in 1791.

School Dist #9 (107 N Washington St., E. Rochester) was formed in 1822. The school was built in 1835. One of brick and stone was then built in 1856 and used until 1898.

The Denonville Trail crossed through Perinton at Linden Rd and Whitney Rd at the bridge over Irondequoit Creek.

Lasalle Rd (Pittsford-Victor Rd) was the old Iroquois Trail. It was the route used by 2000 French soldiers sent to destroy the Seneca Indian towns at Victor on July 13, 1687.

Seneca Trail (2 miles east of Pittsford). Here were lodges of the friendly Indians.

The Staples Inn was the first stop west of Palmyra on the Genesee Turnpike. It was built in 1820 by Capt. Olney Staples. It was the 3rd Tavern in Egypt, 7056 Pittsford-Palmyra Rd.

The Cline Rd Marker. A large rock was hauled to the site in 1881 and the letters FVMP carved on it. FVMP stands for the four townships which joined here; Farmington, Victor, Perinton and Macedon. It is also the meeting place of 3 counties, Ontario, Monroe and Wayne.

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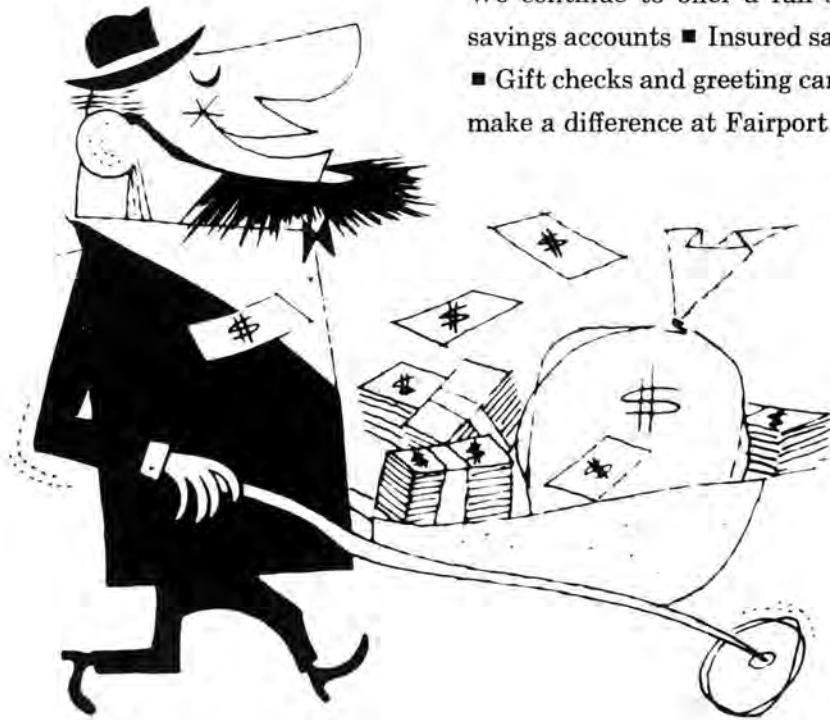
Cottage Hotel

- 1810 Trappers had huts along Thomas Creek.
- 1812 Saw Mills built on Thomas Creek by Peter Ripley and Isaiah Northrup.
- 1816 Log Cabin built on Solomon Malletts farm.
- 1817 Block house built on Hulbert Rd by Martin Sperbeck (Minerva DeLand high school site)
- 1822 Carpenter Abel Judson arrived to start building homes. Henry Amsden and J. Eldredge open blacksmith shops.
Goodell and Aiken opened a grocery store near the canal on Main Street.
Oliver Tomlison opened a grocery store on the Towpath.
The canal was finished through Fairport to Bushnell's Basin.
A Post office opened on W. Church St at Fullamtown bridge.
- 1824 The Congregational Church was organized although Sunday meetings were held in the homes.
Abishai Goodell obtained a license for a tavern in his store.
- 1825 A grist mill was built on Thomas Creek by Chauncey Ray.
The First Methodist Church was organized.
Solomon Mallett was the first to be buried in Greenvale Cemetery on East Church Street.

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- 1826 A cobblestone school was built on E. Church St. (opp. Parker St). In 1885 it was torn down and the school moved into their new building next door.
Canal break at Fullamtown (cost \$2100.00 to repair).
- 1828 N. Y. State passed a law to free all slaves.
First town meeting held in Fairport at Col. Peters on E. Church Street.
- 1829 Post office moved from Fullamtown to Goodells store.
- 1838 Wagons were made by Jones & co. The Society for the Prevention and Apprehension of Horse Thieves was formed.
- 1839 The Library was started when a tax of \$10 was voted by Dist. #9.
- 1843 John & Lorenzo Howard started to manufacture wagons and carriages.
- 1847 A hardware & Stove store was opened by George G. B. Seeley.
A Stave and Barrel factory started by Defendorf and Perrin and Perkins.
- 1849 The First Mass was held at Smith Brennan's home.
- 1850 Abishai Goodell started the manufacture of silk thread.
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- 1851 Ezra Edgett started canning corn grown in Fairport-Perinton.
- 1853 The New York Central tracks were laid and the first train carrying state officials passed through Fairport on a trip from Albany to Buffalo.
A R.R. station was built....Demolished in 1962.
Because of its situation, canal travellers called the place a fair port and so Fairport became its name.
- 1858 James DeLand started a bakery and candy store. Ice cream later was sold on week-ends.
The jointed arm crane was invented by J. Y. Parce to unload canal boats.
- 1866 A monument was dedicated to Civil War dead in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.
- 1867 The manufacture of ointments & salves by George Taylor.
- 1868 The second tavern in town was erected, Osborn House.
- 1869 Memorial Day was first observed.
- 1870 The banks of the canal at the Oxbow gave way and the water drained out. Workers who were brought in to repair it, brought smallpox and riots. The 54th Reg. National Guard was called in to keep order.
- 1872 A high school was built on W. Church St. (demolished in 1955).
A factory to make medicine & powders for animals started.
- 1873 43 street signs were ordered at a cost of \$.30 each.
The Fairport Herald began publication.

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Running Team – DeLand Hose Co. – Undefeated Champions.

- 1874 A library was started in the Dickinson home on Church St.
- 1877 The DeLand Chemical Co. raised \$300.00 for 75 buckets and suitable number of ladders to reach 40 rods. Later enough hose was purchased to reach the business section of the Village. Water from the canal or Thomas Creek was supposed to take care of fire protection. It did until there was a big fire in the dead of winter and the canal and creek were frozen solid.
- 1878 Chadwick & Becker opened a bank on West Ave. The Fairport bank did not close during the many bank failures.
The Cornet Band organized.
All streets were lighted by kerosene lamps. Men were hired to clean them and light them each night. In 1901 Levi DeLand installed electric lights on Main St; the oil lamps went out.
- 1882 Tolls were abolished on the canal.
The West Shore R R tracks were laid through Fairport.
- 1884 The Bell Telephone Co. was given the franchise to erect poles along Main St. For several years previous both the Bell Co. and the Home Phone Company serviced the town. Merchants had to have phones from both companies to care for their customers.
- 1895 The Fairport Public Library was incorporated. A room was provided in the Hawkins Block, later moved to the Bown Block. The present library was erected in 1937.

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- 1904 Canning was discontinued. The Sanitary Can Co. was formed by George Cobb to make tin cans to be sealed without solder or acid.
- 1906 The trolley service from Rochester to Syracuse was started. It ended in 1931.
- 1907 The Municipal building on Main St. was erected. Later it was sold to the Village in 1931 for \$1.00 with the provision that there would be office space for Town business.
- 1909 The American Can Co. bought out the Sanitary Can Co.
- 1913 Mail delivery to homes in Fairport started, from the Bown Block Post Office.
- 1943 The beautiful Potter home with 5 acres of surrounding land was given to the Village with \$50,000 for upkeep. It was to be used for community activities.
- 1960 The Crosman Arms purchased the old East Ave. school and gave it to the Village for a community center.
- 1965 The Fairport-Perinton JayCees received their charter.
- 1967 Fairport has about 800 acres, assessed valuation of 10 million dollars, and about 6,000 people.
- 1967 Kenneth P. Courtney, former Town Supervisor, became President of the Monroe County Legislature.



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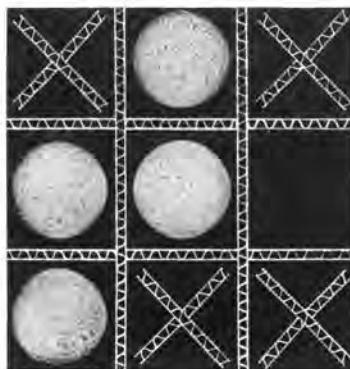


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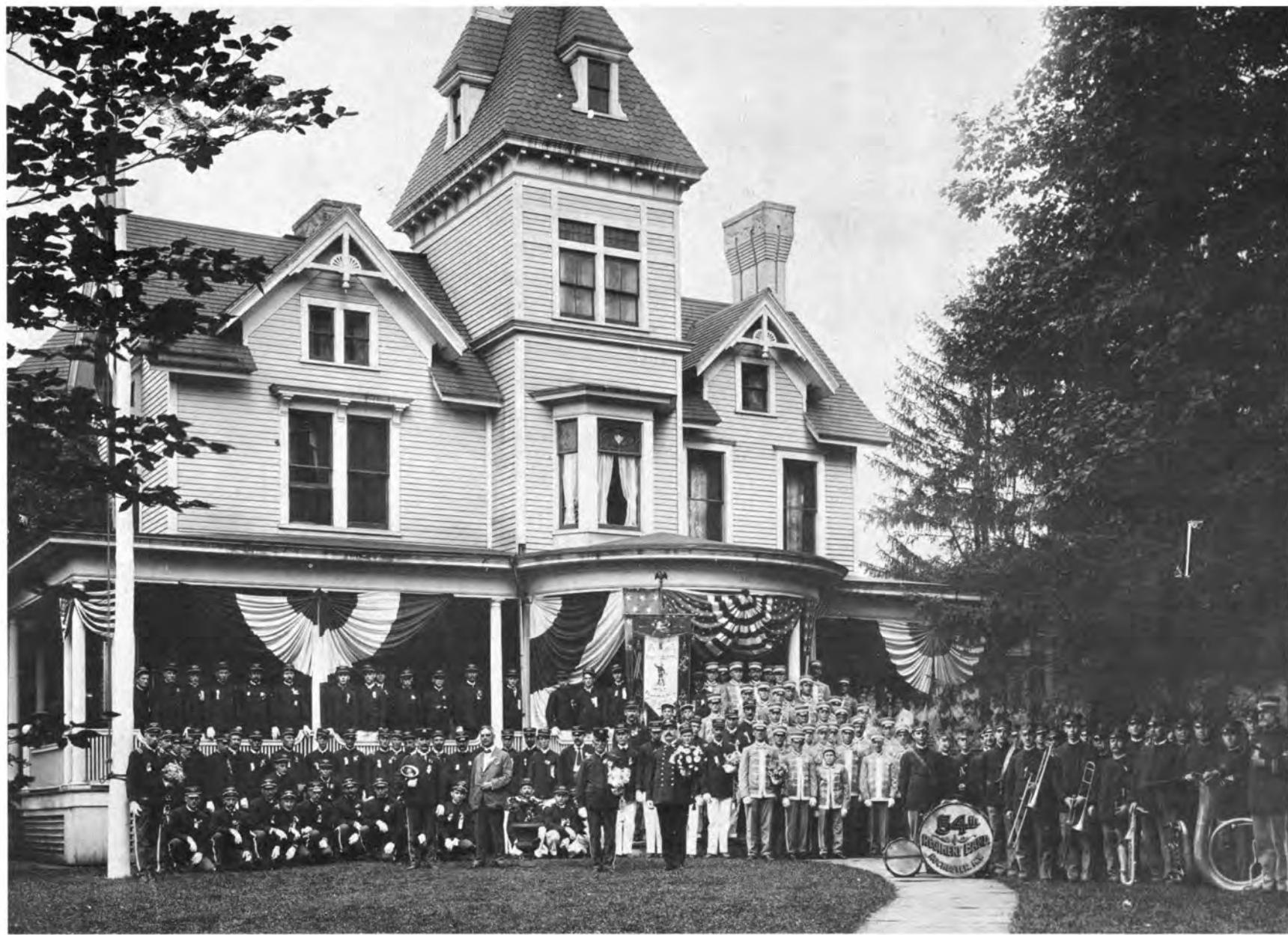
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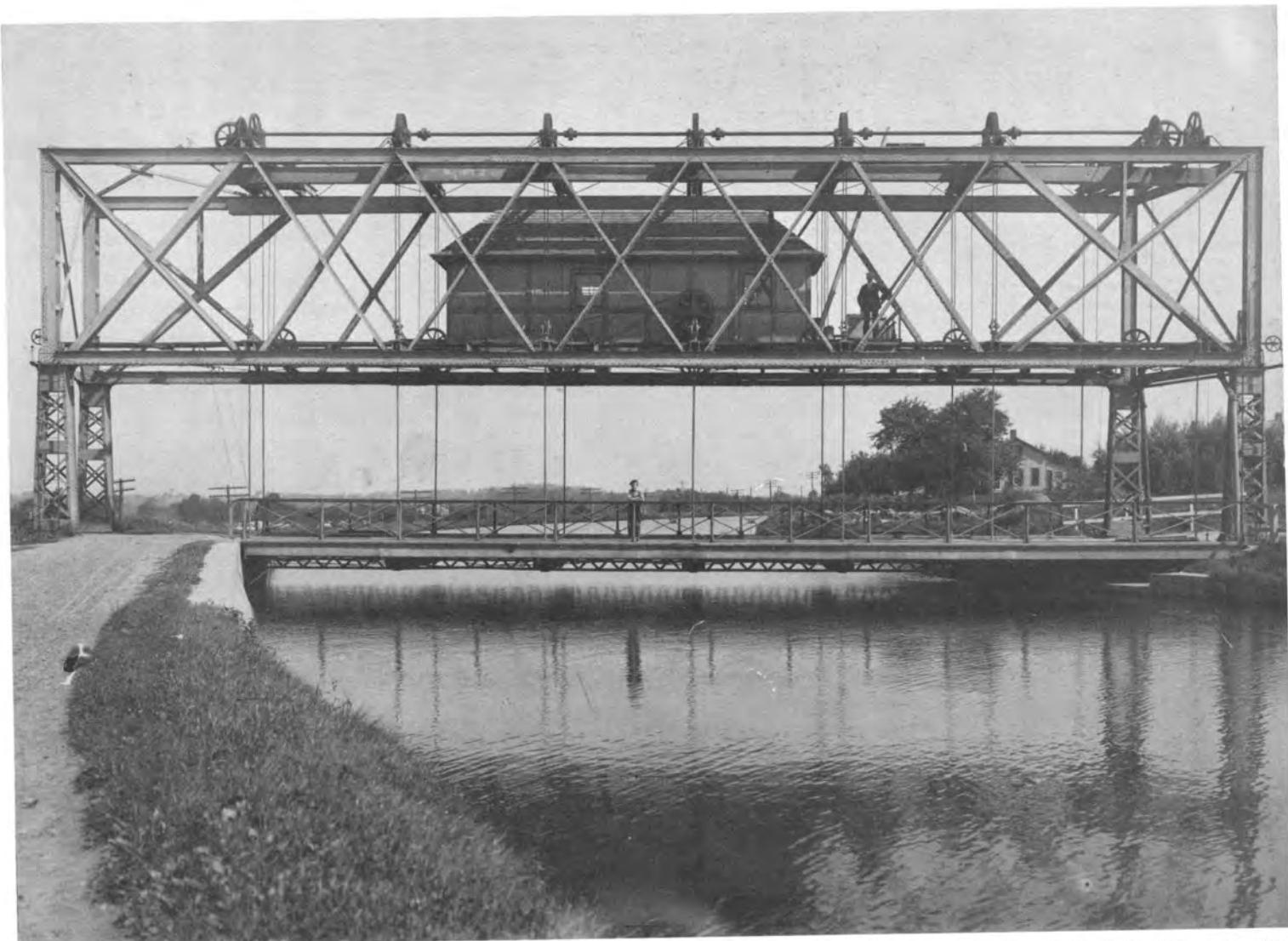
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